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SUBJECT: GULF SECURITY

KUWAIT PASS BAGHDAD

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1. SANA IS A LONG WAY FROM DISCUSSIONS RE COMIDEASTFOR BUT IF WE DECIDE TO END OUR STATIONING AGREEMENT THERE, AS SAUD SEEMS TO SUGGEST WE SHOULD IN REFTTEL, WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR EXTRACT FROM ARAB FRIENDS IN AREA SOME COMMITMENT TO FORCE SOVIETS IN ADEN DO LIKEWISE. WE CAN PROBABLE COUNT ON SAUDIS TO KEEP UP PRESSURE IN ADEN, BUT OTHERS IN GULF MIGHT ALSO BE PERSUADED, AT TIME WE AGREE TO DEAPRT FROM BAHRAIN, TO PRESS MORE ENERGETICALLY FOR REMOVAL OF SOVIET FACILITIES FROM AREA.

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2. ASSUMING THAT SAUDI EFFORTS SUCCEED IN NEAR FUTURE IN FIRST STAGE OF STRATEGY TO MODERATE PDRY POLICIES, IT IS REASONABLE TO HOPE FOR SUBSEQUENT INCREASE IN INFLUENCE OF SAUDIS, UAE, KUWAIT AND OTHERS ON GOVERNMENT IN ADEN. PERHAPS ANOTHER STEP IN THIS DIRECTION WOULD BE TO SUGGEST THAT THESE PARTIES EXPLORE BRINGING YARG AND PDRY INTO ANY GULF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, IF ONLY IN PERIPHERAL

FASHION AT FIRST. (YARG SEEKS SUCH AN INVITATION. WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT PDRY.) ANY SUCH EFFORT ON OUR PART TO CREATE REGIONAL DEFENSE STRUCTURES SHOULD BE WITH AIM IN MIND OF RENDERING SOVIET POSITION IN AREA LESS TENABLE AS WELL AS OF MAKING OURSELVES CHIEF SUPPLIERS, TRAINERS, AND ADVISORS.

3. OBVIOUSLY BRINGING YARG AND PDRY INTO GULF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IS NOT GOING TO BE MAIN CONCERN FOR USG OR DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. WE SEE TALKS AS USEFUL MULTI-LATERAL FORUM, HOWEVER, WHICH CAN BE USED OVER LONG TERM TO WEAKEN SOVIET POSITION ON BOTH YAR AND PDRY, TO STRENGTHEN OUR FRIENDS IN REGION AND TO EASE ANY CHANGE IN OUR BASING ARRANGEMENTS IN AREA.
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